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Hello,

I have multiple concerns regarding MS and any settlement.

I have yet to hear any plausible, sincere expression of  
\*contrition\* from MS, despite the judgement against them.

I believe any punishment should fit the crime. Since the  
judgement will not be reversed, any punishment or 'settlement'  
needs to address past, present, and potential future  
transgressions. I don't think it plausible that MS would  
be 'punished' by any attempt at a (even a well-intentioned)  
"behavior-modification-based" remedy, certainly not by  
one that actually EXTENDS their (monopolistically gained)  
marketshare.

Although it is unlikely given the current political climate,  
(and not precluded by the Appeals Court), I still wish and  
believe that a split-up MS would be an appropriate punishment  
because I believe that would create actual (both OS and application)  
competition amongst the industry players (Apple, Oracle,  
Netscape, OSF, etc.).

Isn't that what an anti-trust punishment SHOULD do?  
Souldn't any punishment/settlement be meet (at least) this test?

Unless the punishment is actually painfull MS will be emboldened  
to continue to propagate software that makes it easy for some  
disgruntled teenager (or terrorist) from even a "third-world" location to  
infect/damage/commandeer-for-unsavory-purpose thousands of  
(private and public) machines world-wide (some owners of which  
could (still) be ignorant/unable/apathetic).

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